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Skate Park Closed Due to Inappropriate, Illegal and Unsafe Behavior

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The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department has closed Skater's Point skate park on Cabrillo Boulevard due to inappropriate, illegal and unsafe behavior by skate park users. The skate park will be closed through July 4th except for scheduled programs such as skate camp.

Working in coordination with the Santa Barbara Police Department, Parks and Recreation has taken this action in response to escalating inappropriate behaviors exhibited by some skate park users. Most recently, on Sunday June 30, 2013 the skate park was closed for one hour by the Park Rangers assisted by Police following observations of illegal drug use, skaters lobbing water balloons into traffic on Cabrillo Boulevard and into Arts and Crafts Show art exhibits, failure to cease behaviors and leave the facility when directed by City staff, and verbal and physical threats made towards staff and members of the public.

This action was taken by order of the Parks and Recreation Director according to the City Municipal Code 15.16.220(2). For more information contact Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director, 564-5431.

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